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Ms. Dale Hoffman-Floerke
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Management
California Department of Water Resources
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Fry and Ms. Hoffman-Floerke:

Re: Independent Review Panel's Final Report for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) Effects Analysis Conceptual Foundation and Analytical Framework and Entrainment Appendix Review

The Delta Science Program is pleased to present the enclosed review report entitled "Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) Effects Analysis Conceptual Foundation and Analytical Framework and Entrainment Appendix." The transmittal of this final report fulfills the first phase of a request from the BDCP participants to provide independent external review of the technical appendices and "roll-up" section of BDCP Chapter 5: Effects Analysis.

The goal of the first phase of this independent peer review was to provide the BDCP participants with an early assessment of the scientific quality of the Conceptual Foundation and Analytical Framework and the Entrainment Appendix to inform the further development of the Effects Analysis. The second phase of the review will assess the scientific quality of the "roll-up" section of the Effects Analysis and the remaining Effects Analysis' appendices in the spring of 2012.

The independent review panel consisted of Dr. Alex Parker (Chair), Dr. Charles "Si" Simenstad (Report Editor), Dr. T. Luke George, Dr. Nancy Monsen, Dr. Tom Parker, Dr. Greg Ruggerone, and Dr. John Skalski. These panel members were selected for their expertise and reputation on aquatic ecology/food webs, pelagic/native fish, terrestrial ecology, Delta hydrodynamics, plant communities, anadromous fish, and fishery population dynamics and modeling. The panel met in a public meeting on October 25-26, 2011.

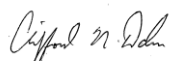
Detailed information on the BDCP Effects Analysis Review can be found on the Delta Science Program web page (<http://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/events/science-program-review/independent-review-draft-BDCP-effects-analysis->). The Delta Science Program was pleased to assist in the process for evaluating components of the BDCP Effects Analysis through open and transparent peer-review.

"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place."

– State Water Code §85054

If there are questions about the BDCP Effects Analysis Review, independent review panel report, or the overall process, please contact Lindsay Correa, Environmental Scientist for the Delta Science Program, at (916) 445-0092.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Clifford N. Dahm".

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Enclosures